

Fiery Car Crash Kills UNO Student Burned tree becomes memorial

By Cami Stenglein-Reardon

A week ago, a UNO student was tragically killed in a car accident in West Omaha, while three teenagers tried to pull him from the burning flames of his car.

In a one-car crash near 173rd and State Streets, UNO student Nathan Aadland was killed Sunday, Nov. 26. The death was accidental and immediate, his parents said.

Nate was a freshman this semester and a former Burke High School student.

Katie Frost, 18, was playing soccer in the backyard of the family home about 5 p.m. She heard a large crash and ran to the street with her two brothers, Josh, 16, and Tony, 12. When she saw the car, she ran toward it with Josh following behind. As Katie ran toward the car, she yelled back to her brother to call the police. While Josh returned to the family home to call for help and grab a fire extinguisher, Katie said she tried in vain to open the car door.

"Josh brought a fire extinguisher to try to put out the flames, but there wasn't enough juice in the extinguisher to put it out. A man stopped to help us, he tried to put some of the flames out with his coat by beating on them but that didn't work either. So we gave up on the fire and tried to get Nate out of the car. We got the door open and got his seat belt undone, but the fire was too close and we had to back off," Katie said. At that point the fire exploded, engulfing the car.

Ron Aadland, Nate's father, said, "Nate died instantly of a massive skull fracture."

Aadland's information came from the Douglas County Coroner's office in Omaha.

The *Gateway* was unable to get comment from the Sheriff's Department.

The Aadlands said Nate lost control of his car and hit a large tree, less than 10 feet from the edge of the road. There was no sign of intoxication and there were no skid marks at the scene, news reports said.

At the request of the Aadland family, the Frosts attended the prayer services and funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Aadland said that even though the Frost's efforts were in vain, they believe the children are heroes for trying to help another human being.

"Even though they could not possibly have saved Nate, it is the effort that makes heroes, and these children tried very hard."

The Aadlands described their son as "shy, quiet, sensitive, gentle but very funny. He had a super sense of humor. He was never any trouble and always respected authority. He never touched drugs or alcohol in his life. Nate was one of the most respectful people we knew. When someone lives only a short time, you want to know that that person's life had a huge impact."

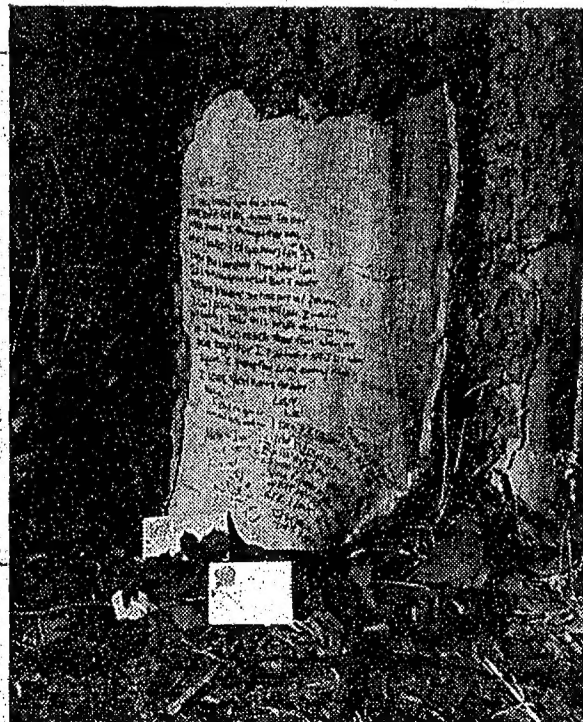
And Nate Aadland did.

The prankster would go to the UNO Library and pass notes to other guys telling them that this or that girl wanted to meet them. They would get up to go see who it was

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Nathan Aadland



Flowers and messages from friends and co-workers written into a tree, near 173rd and State Streets, now mark where UNO freshman Nathan Aadland's car hit and he was instantly killed.

—SR Kemper



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The trees southeast of the Student Center are scheduled for removal.

Damaged Roots Mean Trees Will be Removed

By Kate Kalamaja

Due to the continuing construction and renovation of the Student Center, three trees on campus will be removed.

Louis Cartier, director of UNO Public Relations, said Sunday that there are two reasons for the removal of the trees, which are located on the northwest corner of the Pep Bowl, southwest of the Eppley Administration Building.

Initially, it wasn't in the plan to remove the trees, Cartier said, but because of engineering design factors, the decision for removal was made.

First, Cartier said, while digging a trench for sewage drainage pipes for the new area of the Student Center, contractors found the pipes would be extremely close to the trees' roots. They also noticed the trees had extensive root damage.

Second, Cartier said, the contractors are starting to put back-fill dirt around the rotunda area, which would damage the health of the trees.

Before the construction and renovation began, the northwest end of the Pep Bowl had a slope to it. Since the Student Center project began, the slope of that area of the Pep Bowl has changed. The back-fill dirt, Cartier said, would place too much pressure on the tree furthest

north and also on the middle tree, which would be unhealthy.

Cartier said Facilities Planning and Management and the contractors looked at other options besides removing the trees, such as putting up a retaining wall of some kind, to take the pressure off from the weight of the dirt.

Since the trees are so old and they have root damage, a wall would not be the best option, Cartier said.

"I'm told the trees are 42- to 43-years-old," Cartier said, "and the life expectancy for these trees is usually 50 years or so. Leaving trees there that may only have a few years or a few months left was not the best decision."

The rotunda, the cylindrical-shaped tower under construction on the southeast end of the Student Center, will have food court seating with a window view of campus.

Blocking the view from the rotunda was another reason, though not the main reason, for removing the trees, Cartier said.

Neil Morgensen, vice chancellor of UNO's Facilities Planning and Management, said the university is deciding

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Get Off Your Car Phone and Drive Responsibly

For most of my life I have possessed a blind faith in the ability of technology to solve whatever problems I might encounter.

I remember first being cognizant of this belief when years of loathsome drudgery were mercifully halted in three weeks' time by the construction of a "portable" cafeteria annex. Gone were the tired brown-bagged concoctions to be choked down in the decrepit rancidity of my grade school basement. In their place, a promise not only of a daily hot meal, but of a meal served at ground level (with windows open if need be), adjacent to the playground (a definite plus among the K-6 set).

Later, the proliferation of inexpensive handheld calculators spared me from reliving my parents' horrible foray into high school math class (or 'arithmetic,' as the folks called it) armed merely with that nasty little apparatus known as the slide rule. I think the pocket-protector guys in my class still carried them around in case of battery failure. They're those ruler-looking things, right?

And having begun my career as a professional student in the age of the typewriter, cutting and pasting till the wee hours on many occasions. I have become truly grateful for and am amazed I ever survived without computer technology. In fact, when I can convince my husband — the man who kicked and screamed "only ideas matter!" through every technological advance of the 80s and 90s — that our 9-year-old computer (affectionately named "the dinosaur") would serve well for the munchkins in our house to cut their cyberteeth on, we will go (further) into debt in order to enrich our lives and more fully embrace the information age, via a multitude of modern media.

Despite my heretofore techno-optimism, however, there are certain advancements whose 'quality of life' value I have begun to question. I'm thinking specifically of cellular phones, which, frankly, I believe are the biggest pile of electronic gew-gaw humankind has ever produced and stupidly convinced itself that it needs.

Sounds a little strong, you say? What about all those on-the-road emergencies, you query? C'mon, folks! When was the last decade in which you had more than one emergency out there wherein the only feasible solution was to get on your cellular to "reach out and touch someone?" I've had only one such emergency in my 15-year history of being licensed to drive, and guess what? It happened just last June, when some dolt on a cell phone ran a red light and totaled my car. And he wasn't just any dolt. He was a 1994 Ford F-250-driving dolt, pulling a trailer with a race car on top, no less. The poor fellow was late for a race. He didn't see me coming into the intersection (on

a green light), and he thought he could shave a couple seconds off his travel time by *anticipating* his green light while simultaneously calling the racetrack to let them know he was en route. Needless to say, he didn't make it to his race on time.

Nor did he offer to call an ambulance for mom, my former passenger who, after the collision, was sitting absent-mindedly on the curb holding her bleeding head. I guess he was too busy calling other such dolts with trucks on his cellular to come and "get this g_d-d_mn car to the track!" Apparently he also called his father, who arrived as we sat in the back of the police cruiser trading insurance information. Luckily dear old dad was able to resume calling around for a tow, while his poor son vehemently shouted at me in frustration, "I don't need this sh_t! I'm

late for a race!"

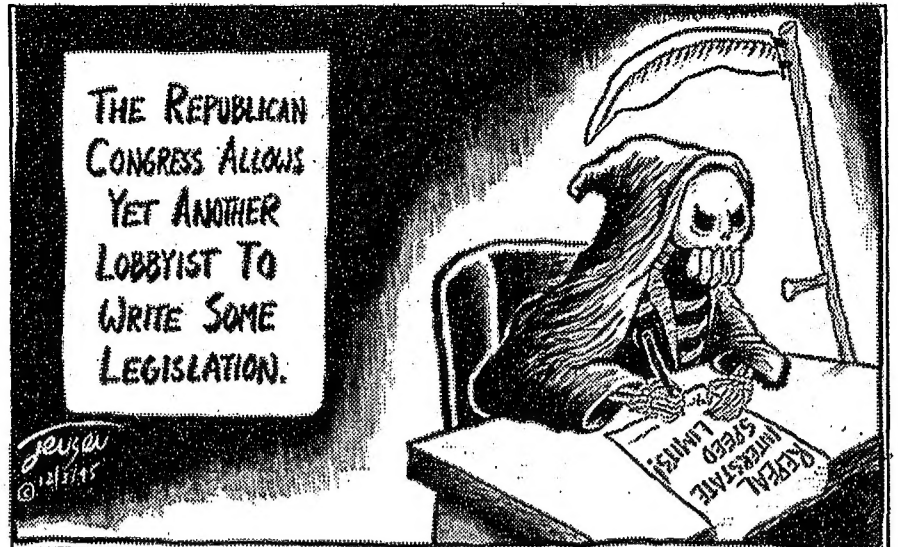
Despite the fact it is true, maybe this anecdote is a little extreme. I'm sure there are some genuinely heartwarming stories floating around about how cell phones have saved lives. But let's be truthful with one another. How many times have we seen some idiot on the road nearly cause an accident while trying to talk on the phone? And what message are these "cell" users sending to the other drivers who have the misfortune of having to be on the same road at the same time?

Could it be, "I am so important I cannot afford to be incommunicado for even a minute out of my day?" Or maybe, "I'm so shallow that it scares me to death to be left alone with my own thoughts?" How about, "I would rather pay outrageous phone bills for marginal service rather than pull over and spend 35 cents, or worse yet, wait 10 minutes to use the phone at my next destination?" I think people who abuse the privilege of driving by putzing around with electronic gadgetry while at the wheel of an automobile demonstrate their gross negligence and disregard for human safety.

But it is doubtful this growing trend will subside. Even my husband, the techno-phobe, has expressed a yearning to own a cell. I think it started three weeks ago when we were the third of three cars in a family caravan traveling to an out-of-town funeral. Members in the first two vehicles were communicating "cellularly." Feeling a little alienated, I guess he overlooked the ironic absurdity in missing the turnoff to the mortuary while the others tried simultaneously to call one another for directions, getting only busy signals.

And our youngest citizens are already being heavily socialized toward this norm. The gift at the top of my 4-year-old daughter's Christmas list is a battery-powered Barbie Jeep that she can actually drive AND use the cellular phone in. Apparently, Barbie's charmed life, not unlike those of many cell users, has yet to be touched by tragedy.

Kim Balkovec
Columnist



'48 Hours' Airs Reality About Violence in Athletics

I'm a full-bred Husker football fan. Born and raised here just like a number of people in this wonderful part of the world we call the Midwest.

But I'm not a fanatic Husker fan to the extent of ignoring the realistic problems by sweeping them under the rug.

Thursday night, "48 Hours" aired a show on violent athletes, focusing the majority of its program on the "controversial" Husker football team. I decided to stay tuned-in for the full hour to see just what kind of investigative reporting they would reveal.

For the most part, "48 Hours" broke the game wide open. I'm saying I agree with the story they ran and the angle they took.

It was legitimate.

I also want to make sure I'm getting it across that not all 100 percent of their facts were accurate. But my point isn't to sit here and give specifics of what was correct or incorrect.

I do want to say that being the defending national collegiate football champs, it goes with the territory. Which story do you think would attract the most attention, one about an eight-man team with some players who have had some trouble with the law, or a story on the national college football champs in the same scenario?

I think with an hour-long show, the best way to go about a broad subject such as the violence in sports, the viewer needs a focal point, somewhere to come back to. That focal point turned out to be blurry for Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne and his Huskers.

So I went to work Friday morning just waiting to hear what people had to say about the show that "picked on" their beloved team.

Some were wondering why the show only focused on the Huskers as the only team that has problems. Not true.

For example, reporters talked with some players from Florida State and also focused on former NFL wide receiver Vance Johnson of the Denver Broncos, who admitted that he had a problem with domestic abuse. At the beginning of the program it was said that violence and athletics aren't just found in Lincoln, Neb., but are found all across the country.

Why is it that people seem to overlook that? Let's get real folks. The Husker football team is not made up of a bunch of "gods." It's made up of 200 or so real everyday college students with a hell of a lot more pressure on them than "Joe College" just going to class and going home to kick back.

It's made up of players who may suffer with the problems of coming from a poor home life, or no home life at all while growing up. They may come from backgrounds where violence and domestic abuse are ways to solve disputes. These are all problems "Joe College" may face too, but you're going to hear about it a lot more if "Joe College" is a prominent figure. Like I said earlier, it goes with the turf. It's all about learning responsibility.

When you sign that contract to play football for a team such as the Huskers, and you're given a full ride to do it, you better come to grips with your responsibilities. It's not a new revelation that you're bound to be in the spotlight. And if you screw up, your reputation may be attacked for it.

And the head coach can't save you every time. I guess that's where a person has to know where to draw the line. What does a coach do with a player such as Lawrence Phillips? He's been through the mill and has had it tough since he was a kid. I have respect

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News Bits

Moeser Named as New UNL Chancellor

James C. Moeser, currently the vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of South Carolina, has been selected to be the next chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

According to a Monday morning news release, NU President L. Dennis Smith officially announced the appointment at a press conference Monday afternoon in Lincoln.

Moeser, 56, will take over the \$158,000 post on February 1, 1996, the release said.

Prior to his position at the University of South Carolina, Moeser served as dean of the College of Arts and Architecture at Pennsylvania State University and dean of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Kansas. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas and his doctorate in musical arts from the University of Michigan.

Consortium Receives \$70,000 NASA Grant

The Nebraska Space Grant Consortium, which is housed at UNO's Aviation Institute, has received a \$70,000 grant from NASA.

The new grant is in addition to the group's current \$323,000 grant from NASA, and it will be used for additional scholarships and fellowships, as well as research.

The consortium has recently added academic affiliates Metropolitan Community College, Nebraska Indian Community College and the College of St. Mary, which brings the number of members to 10.

Donate Money Instead of Buying Gifts

Instead of buying cards and gifts for colleagues, the UNO Faculty Senate and Staff Advisory Council are encouraging faculty and staff to donate the money to the general scholarship fund.

Contributions will be accepted at Cashiering through Dec. 6. For more information, call Lowell Neuhaus at 554-2329.

December Graduation

December commencement will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum.

Faculty members should assemble no later than 9 a.m. in the 1/4 Pole Room.

In addition, faculty planning to attend are asked to order their regalia from the Bookstore as soon as possible.

Art Faire Needs Items

Fine arts, fine crafts and baked goods are needed to sell at the Fine Arts Holiday Fair to be held Dec. 18 in the Bootstrapper Hall of the W.H. Thompson Alumni Center.

Anyone interested in taking part should bring their items to the Alumni Center the day before the event. The organizing committee will check the items in, display them and collect the money. For each item sold, a 20 percent commission will be retained to benefit the Art History Student Organization.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. For more information or to participate, call 553-8746.

Musicians Needed

UNO's music department is looking for students, faculty and staff to join the University Symphonic Band, which is scheduled to perform two concerts in the spring semester.

There is no audition necessary, and loaner instruments are available. There are openings for brass, woodwind and percussion players who have any performing experience. Regular rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the university bands office at 554-3352.

UNO Celebrates Who's Who Recipients



UNO will have 79 of its students listed in the *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* directory. A reception was held for UNO's inductees on Thursday. Pictured above from left to right are inductees Tanya Cordes, Tiffany Matlock, TammyRa Jackson, LaRonda Barber and Sandra Foster.

Mary Mudd Named to Vice Chancellor Position

Mary Mudd has been named UNO's vice chancellor for Student Services and Enrollment Management. Mudd has been serving as the interim vice chancellor since Richard Hoover left the position July 1.

According to a press release on Monday from the UNO public relations department, Mudd said she is very excited about the prospect of being able to bring new vision to the area of student services and enrollment management.

"I'm also excited because of the strong support I received from across the campus," she said. "I've had great support, and we have a number of new initiatives that will require collaboration with other divisions, especially Academic Affairs as we seek to recruit and retain students."

Upon hearing the news, according to the release, Chancellor Del Weber said, "I'm very pleased that Dr. Mudd has accepted the position of vice chancellor." "I look forward to working with her on a permanent basis on the important areas of enrollment management, recruiting and retention. Dr. Mudd's extensive background and expertise at UNO are extremely important for the future focus of UNO."

As UNO's newest vice chancellor, Mudd will be responsible for four groups of units: Student Development Services,



Mary Mudd

Student Enrollment Services, the Student Center and its other auxiliary operations, and Campus Recreation. She will also be responsible for a staff of 180 people.

Mudd's appointment will be brought before the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for its approval on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Senate Votes to Allocate Scoreboard Money

By Beth Warner

The Student Senate approved a resolution Thursday evening to allocate \$17,500 for the purchase of new scoreboards for the UNO Fieldhouse. The resolution passed by a vote of 16-6-1.

The allocation is contingent upon the athletic department raising matching funds. The scoreboards will be put in after the Fieldhouse undergoes scheduled renovations.

At the last Senate meeting, Athletic Director Don Leahy asked the Senate for \$35,000 toward the purchase of two new scoreboards. The scoreboards have six panels, which will be rented out for advertising for \$2,000 per panel per year. The Senate will earn revenues from one panel.

The approval followed about an hour of debate. "I think it's a very important project for us to sponsor," said Sen. Michael Kennedy. He said he remembered going to Maverick games when he was a small child. "The stadium was packed."

Executive Treasurer Jon Eden said the Senate's reserve account contained about \$61,000. He said money not used during one fiscal year rolls over to the next.

"If we spend it all, we won't have anything in reserve," Eden said. Eden said the Senate allocated \$18,000 for new scorer's tables and chairs less than a year ago. Eden suggested that the money might be better used to put blue emergency telephones in Elmwood Park.

"I stated that we showed support last year. We're a fresh Senate. We have time. We're just one big athletic booster," Eden said. Eden said athletics has already raised \$9.2 million toward

the renovation of the Fieldhouse, and he couldn't understand why it couldn't raise a little more.

Kennedy said that UNO had experienced a drop in enrollment while UNL has increased its applicants. Kennedy said this was due to UNL's winning season.

Sen. Brandon Steenson said that several years ago the Kansas University athletic program was \$6 million in debt, but after improvements the university raised \$100 million in five years. He said that with a successful athletic program at UNO, "The alumni will come back and give money."

Kennedy said the new scoreboards will be larger than current ones. Each panel can be rented for advertising for \$2,000 a year.

"Why do we need new scoreboards?" Kennedy said, "because UNO can raise \$10,000 a year from it. This is something we would like to see passed now."

"I think this shows our ability to cooperate with other factors on the campus," Kennedy said.

The meeting was Justin Peterson's last as Student President/Regent. During his report, Peterson encouraged the Senate to support purchasing the scoreboards.

Peterson thanked members of the administration, including Chancellor Weber, Tara Knudson, ex-vice chancellor Richard Hoover and several student leaders.

Peterson said that during his term he tried to make decisions in the best interest of students.

Peterson said about UNO, "It's a great school and I'm glad I went here. I don't regret it at all. This isn't a community college, it's a university."

Peterson said he was glad to see so many Senate slots filled and said his farewells to the senators. At the next Senate meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 11, Student President/Regent Elect Craig Richter will officially take office.

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and Nate and his friends would then go to the table they had been sharing with a girl and introduce themselves. The poor guy who'd gotten up never had a chance, and Nate and his friends would get to meet the girl.

Pee-wee Football Player

A member of the Kingswood Athletic Association since age 10, Nate played football for the pee-wee team with Butch Lecuona as coach.

"Nate was just a fine young man who led by example. He served as a real role model, always giving 110 percent ... a real asset to our teams," Lecuona said. "He was an all-around good kid. It was a shock to us all and took all of us by surprise. Having had the opportunity to know Nate, this was tough on me too. As a coach, you develop relationships with the kids on your team."

Nate took part in the 1987 pee-wee midget team. Lecuona said he was small and inexperienced at that age, but he had terrific speed. In 1988, Nate was moved to the quarterback position and did a "fine job." During the All-Star Select games in St. Louis, Mo., that year, Nate played running back because of his speed. He scored 12 of the team's 25 points, and it won the championship.

In 1992, Nate played on the championship team the Panthers, which went to Daytona Beach, Fla. For winning the tournament, the team received a 4-and-a-half-foot trophy, which the KWAA presented to the Aadland family as a remembrance of Nate's most-loved activity.

Aadland said the years Nate took part in KWAA football were some of the happiest of Nate's life.

Karen Burmood, Burke High School principal, said Nate was an "exemplary student both academically and personally."

The school has made counselors available to their students in the aftermath of this tragedy. She also said that Burke's football department gave the Aadland family a framed jersey worn by Nate during his high school years.

Mr. and Mrs. Aadland said their son graduated with honors from Burke in 1995 and

maintained a 4.3 GPA while there. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the football team.

Nate attended UNO on a Regents scholarship, which provided for full tuition for up to five years.

Paul Kosel, a UNO freshman and Nate's best friend since childhood, said Nate was "someone who put people before himself. He always helped others."

At the Garden Cafe in Omaha's Rockbrook neighborhood, where Nate worked for the last two years, he was nicknamed "Nate the Great."

"He was a super kid. Everything he did was great. He was a great busser, a great person, and all of us will miss him a lot," said Jodi Tolan, night manager.

Memorials

The staff wanted to do something in memory of Nate, so they took a Garden Cafe T-shirt, signed it, adorned the shirt with little things that "just were stuff Nate liked," and they also put "Nate the Great" on it. They then took the T-shirt to the sight where Nate was killed and placed the memorial near the sight.

At the sight, many others have brought roses to lay among the broken glass and the debarked tree. Others have written messages with a marker, which was left there by someone.

"I don't know why God took you from us ... I will miss you and remember you for the great person you are ... I love you," wrote one mourner. Another wrote, "You are such a special person, I can't even begin to tell you."

Mr. and Mrs. Aadland said they "commend the community for their outpouring of support and the Douglas County Sheriff's department for their compassion and care in handling an already impossible situation."

One member of the department returned to the scene of the accident five days later to recover a hat that had been very precious to Nate so that the family might have it. The sergeant who came to their door that evening "was compassionate and caring. She was shedding tears while still retaining her professionalism. They really went out of their way to ease our minds," Mrs. Aadland said.

The Aadlands were also astonished by the outpouring of sympathy and caring shown by Nate's friends.

"These kids are really the cream of the crop. B.J. Cipperly, one of Nate's best friends, attends the Naval Academy. To show how wonderful these kids are ... B.J. had flown back to the academy the morning of the accident after being home for Thanksgiving. That evening he was informed that Nate had passed away."

The Aadlands said a group of the two boys' friends got together and raised the

money for a ticket to fly Cipperly back for one day to attend the funeral. He got permission from the academy to leave for the day due to the impending funeral.

Aadland also did volunteer work for the Medical Support Unit of ENCORE, working in a home serving the multiply handicapped.

Mrs. Aadland said, "There is always good and bad about a sudden death such as this. We didn't get to say good-bye to our son. Yet we know that he is so much better off where he is rather than here suffering from injuries."

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between a couple of outside companies to remove the trees. The cost of the removal "will probably be under \$1,000," Morgensen said.

When the trees will be removed is still in question.

"They will come in when the ground is frozen so the trucks don't make a mess," Morgensen said, "and when there aren't as many people around due to safety issues."

Cartier said the optimal time for the removal will either be on a weekend or between semesters.

As for the ground freezing, Morgensen said, it'll be a wait-and-see decision de-

pending on the temperature.

"If we get a cold snap, then we'll have them come in. But if it stays as warm as it has been this week, then we'll have to wait."

Current plans are under way to replace the trees.

"We're drawing up a new landscape plan for that area and plan to beautify the entire area," Morgensen said. New trees will be planted along with other foliage.

"It's just a situation where the new construction of the Student Center is in conflict with the trees," Morgensen said. "It's in the best interest to re-landscape the area."

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He Said...

"All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth." Not to mention a few other key items. For all you ladies out there wondering what to get your man for Christmas, here are a few suggestions on things that any man would gladly welcome and also a few things he can live without.

1. Tools. Men love tools. Drills, saws, hammers, you name it — we love 'em. I highly suggest power tools. They offer the most enjoyment when we are learning to install a new outlet, phone jack, or whatever goofy project we need to do.

2. Computer games. Nothing passes the holidays better than a few "drag 'em out and shoot 'em up" computer games such as Doom, Doom II or Dark Forces. In short, these three games rule, and you will be the love of their life — until they start playing, that is. If your man doesn't have a computer, get him one (just kidding — they're little expensive). Seriously, he probably has some sort of entertaining device such as Sega Saturn, Super Nintendo or something. There are plenty of games available to make the Christmas ever-so merry for you and your loved one.

3. Car accessories. Excellent stocking stuffers. Men love those unnecessary car accessories that make driving fun. Little fans that plug into the cigarette lighter, cup holders that hang in the window, an assortment of those little scented trees, trash containers that "just fit" into the spot underneath the dash. There are tons of them.

4. *Sports Illustrated*. If he doesn't already have it, he's a schmuck. No self-respecting male in the United States does not get this magazine. Either save his manhood by getting him a subscription for Christmas, or leave him because he is a wuss. Besides, there's the swimsuit edition ... need I say more?

5. Season Tickets. Ask him what his favorite sport is. Most likely he will say the Huskers (yep, pretty dense, eh?). If you can buy him season tickets to his favorite team, he

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO Him & Her

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will ask you to marry him. If you are already married, he will take you on a second honeymoon. Season tickets to men is like chocolate to women — better than sex.

6. A year's supply of steak. What more could a man want? *Sports Illustrated*, season tickets, computer games, tools ... these are all fine and dandy, but nothing makes a man smile more than a hunk of dead cow on his plate.

7. Sexy underwear. And you're nuts to think I mean that WE would be the ones wearing it.

Now that you know what we want, let's talk about what we don't want:

1. Clothes. Particularly socks and underwear. No matter how holy his Sunday socks are, a man likes the feel of his socks. New socks put us in an uncomfortable state. They aren't broken in. They don't smell like our shoes. They're different. It is the same situation with underwear, except it's a little more personal.

2. Tickets to the "Nutcracker." Let's analyze the name of this traditional ballet: "nut" and "cracker." This alone is reason enough for men not to see it. It makes me flinch just thinking about it. Besides, this takes me back to the *Sports Illustrated* point about being a man. Who would want to go watch a

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She Said...

The holidays are a time for family... and an assortment of some of the most impractical, insulting and worthless gifts you have ever received. Right? Well, not necessarily.

To prevent this from happening again this year, here are a few things women really want for Christmas and a few things that might land you on the couch if you put them under the tree this Christmas.

1. Gift certificates. What does a woman love even more than chocolate? Shopping of course. The opportunity to go shopping on someone else's money and get what you've been dreaming about and gazing at through the window for months is the true gift that just keeps on giving.

2. Jewelry. OK, so this is probably one of the most expensive things a woman can ask for, short of a Porsche or a Mercedes, of course, but not by much. Watches, bracelets, rings, necklaces, earrings but nothing cubic zirconium that's made in Taiwan. This is also one of those gifts that serve absolutely no practical purpose at all. They don't wash anything, don't fill any essential survival necessities, etc. But it's the ultimate way to spoil your woman and let her know she's worth everything in the world to you.

3. A gorgeous, designer, full-length beaded cocktail dress. This one may seem a

little far-fetched. But remember, a guy will only buy you something like this if he knows you will have a chance to wear it — which means that a special evening (or more?) out on the town is in the near future. Plus, the fact that he thinks you will be an absolute knock-out in a dress such as this shows that he doesn't just see you as a person he can take to Burger King, the dollar movie theaters and to the Laundromat to help fold his clothes. For extra bonus points: make sure it's her size. You'll be dead if it's a size or two too big.

4. Season tickets to the opera, the ballet or the symphony. When you tell her you love her enough to sit through something that either puts you to sleep or makes your ears ring for months ... this is true love.

Now that you men have a few clues as to what gifts women want, here are a few definite items you should stay away from when shopping for the holidays.

1. Anything that washes, cleans, vacuums or cooks. In other words, anything that will make less work for you. Come on guys. Your woman should be more than just your slave. A blender, deep-fat fryer, dishwasher or washer and dryer set is an insult. You might as well just buy her a maid's outfit and tell her to address you as "master."

2. Season tickets to your favorite team. Is this a gift for her or is it one for you? Why buy her something that would bore her to death and give her a severe case of bleacher-butt?

3. Cookbooks. Well, guys, this is one surefire way to ensure that you will never find her cooking for you again. Insulting a woman's cooking is like comparing her to your mother. You might find yourself single if you do either.

4. A year's membership to a gym or health club. Why don't you just call her fat? Even if it's something she has been talking about getting, you will find yourself sleeping on the couch — if not homeless — if you get this for her. This also includes home gym equipment of any kind. If you do want to help

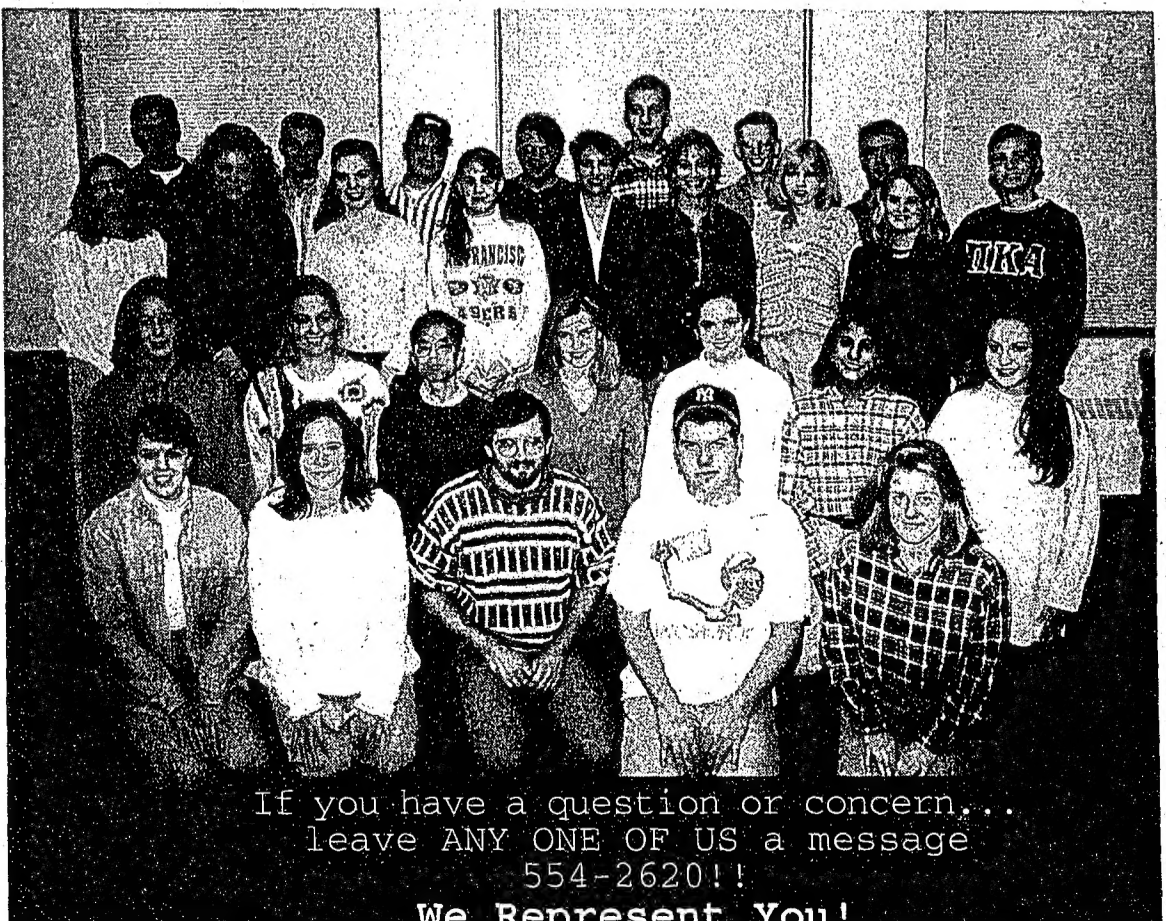
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bunch of men dressed in tights frolicking around on the stage looking like the tooth-fairy?

3. Cookbooks. No matter how unhealthy it is to eat pizza for dinner every night, we don't want to go to the trouble of actually learning how to cook. We would love the year's supply of steaks. But chances are very good that you will have to do the cooking. We would rather play with power tools and computer games than pots and pans.

4. Fix-it books. This is the greatest insult you can ever give to your man; that he can't fix something. Men can fix anything, even if we don't know anything about it. We can fix a computer. "Sure we can. It's just a fancy toaster with a screen and a keyboard, right?" Just watch us fix cars. They run fine until we "fix" them.

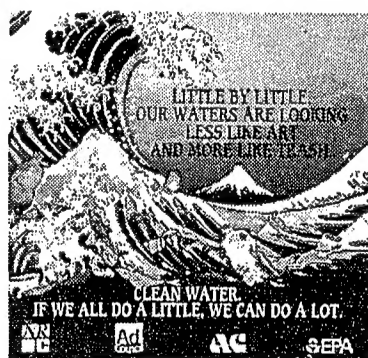
5. Gift certificates. Why? Why would you make us shop? There's nothing a man hates more than shopping. The only

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her out and buy this for her, wait until you're shopping together. And when you see her looking at it, tell her, "I really don't think you need it, you're gorgeous. But if it will make you feel better, here, let me get it for you. I think I could stand to lose a few pounds and get in shape." But don't add the word *too* to the last statement.

5. Food. During the holidays, many people, especially women, are calorie conscious and watching their weight. Think twice before purchasing the dessert-of-the-month club membership or the Godiva "Death by Chocolate" gift.


A simple guide when buying a gift for a woman, or anyone else for that matter, regardless if it's for her birthday, your anniversary or for a holiday, is to remember: It's best to spoil a person and get them something they wouldn't splurge and get for themselves. Just stay away from the home electronics, appliances and health clubs.



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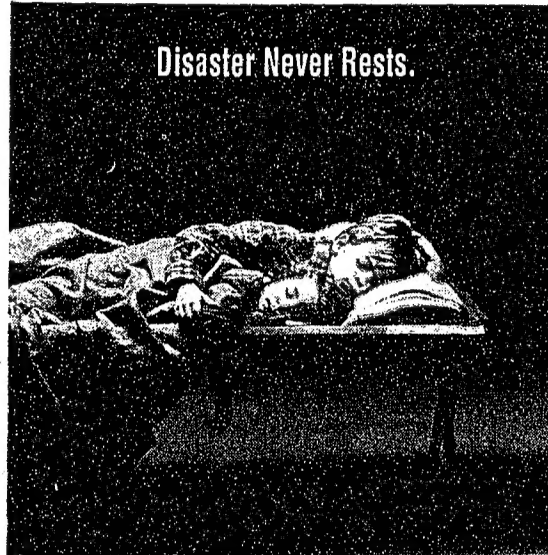
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time we will go shopping is if we have a list. Men need lists. We walk in, get what is on the list, and we leave. Without it, we are as lost as women wandering aimlessly throughout a store wondering what to get. Clothes? Jackets? Summer wear?



Let's review: Men don't want anything that makes us look like a wuss: ballet tickets, new socks and underwear, fix-it books and gift certificates. We want manly things such as tools, season tickets and *Sports Illustrated*.

But then there are a few things that no man in the world can resist — even if it does make us look like a wuss — such as a romantic evening by the fire with hot chocolate and blistering cold temperatures (outside of course). But most of all, the best present in the world is someone who cares enough about you to buy you everything you want for Christmas — and to spend this special holiday with.

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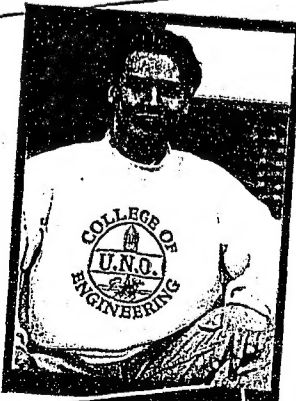
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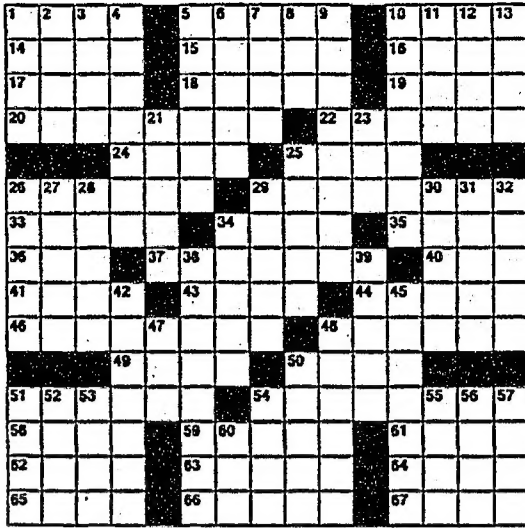


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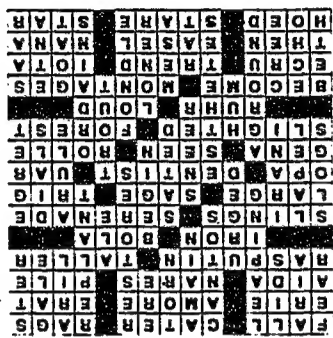
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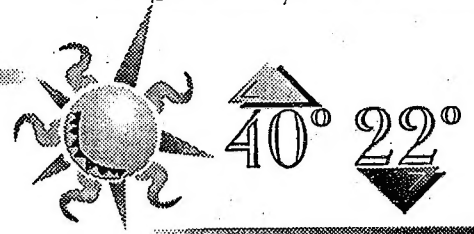
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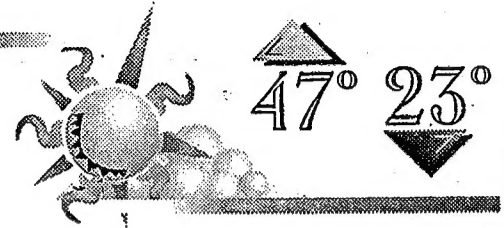
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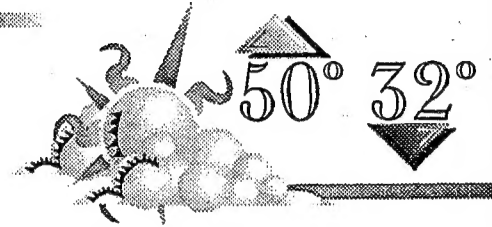
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Holiday Entertainment at UNO



—Steve Houlton

Z. Randall Stroope, center, conducts the UNO Concert Choir at the "A Holiday Garland" concert on Sunday.



—Steve Houlton

Soloist Sarah Buchanan, center, and the UNO Concert Choir sing "Balulalow" with harp accompaniment by Patrice Jenks, at the "A Holiday Garland" concert on Sunday.



—Steve Houlton

The UNO College of Fine Arts presented "Amahl and the Night Visitors" this weekend. Players are, from left to right: Quinn Corbin, Keryn Ross, Don Rush, Bob Schamp, Nate Popp and Michael Bull.

Sports



Bluejays Net Win Over Mavs

By Dave Mollner

After reading the local morning newspaper leading up to last Thursday's game, Creighton University Head Coach Dana Altman was left with a bad feeling about playing the NCAA Division II UNO Mavericks.

After the Mavs fueled a lead for most of the first half against their crosstown feathered nemesis, their tank was out of gas in the second half as the Bluejays plucked a 74-71 victory at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

"Kevin (Lehman) made the comment that they were practicing well getting ready for this ball game," Altman said. "I really had a bad feeling, because I've made it known that we haven't been practicing well at all."

When game-time arrived, Altman's gut feeling became a reality.

The Mavs charged to an early first-half lead before 3,895 fans, going ahead of the Bluejays 15-10 with 13:19 remaining in the half.

UNO, now 1-3 on the season, has won three meetings against Creighton during their 43-game history. The Bluejays improved to 2-0 for the first time since the 1986-87 season.

"We didn't come here to look good and lose," Lehman said. "I'm disappointed and the team's disappointed. I told them they have to accept the responsibility to raise the level of play at this school."

"And playing any game to play it close is not what we're trying to do."

The strong effort the Mavs left on the Civic's arena floor not only raised a few eyebrows in the stands but also gained the praise of Altman.

"I thought UNO was the aggressor in this game and really out-fought us," Altman said. "They were better prepared than us, and I want to give them a lot of credit for that."

Helping the Bluejays secure the win was junior guard Edward St. Fleur. The 6-foot, Decatur, Ga., native led all scorers with 17 points, adding 4 assists, 3 steals and knocking down 3 of 4 from three-point land.

For the Mavs, Shadric Thomas scored 10 points while playing 35 minutes of tough defense. Other firepower came from the hands of Derrick Bogay, who finished with 13 points, and Richard Thomas netting 11 points and 5 assists. In the first half, Bogay lay

sprawled out on the floor and had to leave the game. He lost a tooth and cut his chin open hustling for a loose ball.

An unexpected performance out of junior Troy Kloewer was a pleasant surprise for the UNO offense, especially from the perimeter.

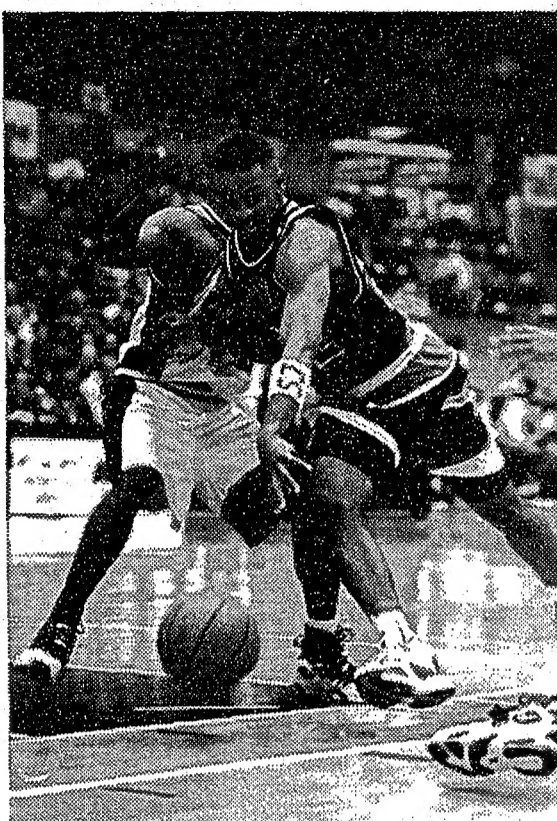
Kloewer, the 6-foot-4, 195-pound guard from Harlan, Iowa, is the starting quarterback for the UNO Football Team and has made only a few practices since returning from the gridiron. He finished with a team-high 14 points, netting 2 of 2 from behind the three-point arch and added 3 rebounds in 15 minutes of play.

"I would never have dreamed he was going to come out and do that the first game out," Lehman said. "The kid's only practiced about six days and gave us an amazing performance. He's a unique individual and a tough kid who's really going to give us some help this year."

In the second-half of play, the Bluejays nested a seven-point lead after St. Fleur dishd to freshman Kevin Mungen for the layup and a 56-49 edge. With 7:02 left to play, UNO's Richard Jones' layup evened things up at 62-62. But one minute later, UNO's John Skokan fouled out leaving a huge void on the glass for the Mavs to try to fill.

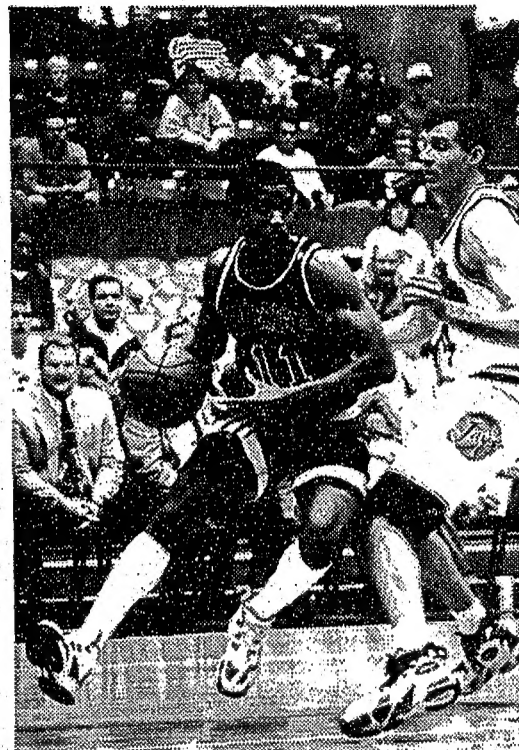
Skokan, who finished with a game-high 14 rebounds before fouling out late in the game, provided the Mavs with an inside game that's been missing so far this season.

"When we lost John (Skokan), that was a



UNO's Pete Ledford, left, drives the lane against Creighton's Troy Wharton.

—SR Kemper



—Dave Mollner

Mav sophomore Shadric Thomas runs the baseline against Creighton's Adam Reid.

definite factor late in the game," UNO Coach Kevin Lehman said about his 6-foot-10 senior center from Omaha Creighton Prep. "I thought our two front-line guys, (James) Miller and (Derrick) Bogay, gave a great effort. But they just ran out of gas."

"I knew at halftime I had a problem looking at the minutes played. I think it was just a matter of them wearing us down and they pounded the boards pretty good."

With Skokan on the bench, the Bluejays gathered up another seven-point lead using a full-court press and causing UNO turnovers. Even though UNO held advantages in rebounding (49-42) and in shooting percentages (40.4 percent compared with Creighton's 37.8 percent), the Mavs committed 25 turn-

overs during the game in which Creighton produced 26 points.

Not until Bogay's final shot at the buzzer, which clanged off the front of the rim, was Creighton's 74-71 victory sealed for good and Altman's uneasiness put to rest.

But if the Mavs were to have made a statement against the Division I Bluejays, it's that there's more than one team to come watch play basketball in Omaha.

"I think it's good for basketball in this town. And it's excellent for our program because it gives us some extra exposure," Lehman said about the rivalry with Creighton.

"Hopefully, this game tonight convinced some people that we're a team worth coming to see play."

Benchwarmers Lead Mavs to Victory Against Dana

By Tony Reinke

During a 74-71 loss at Creighton University Thursday, UNO senior Mark Price sat on the bench.

Saturday night he came off the bench and led the Mavs to an 82-78 victory over Dana College. He scored 17 points, including four three-point shots to highlight a 42-point effort by the UNO non-starters.

"Price shoots the ball well in practice, and when a team plays a zone defense he will play," UNO Head Coach Kevin Lehman said.

Price's first points of the night came with 2:19 remaining in the first half with UNO clinging to a 31-29 lead. He dropped a three-point basket giving UNO a five-point advantage. Price scored again with 1:30 remaining in the first half, and the Mavs grabbed a six-point lead.

With one minute left in the half, Dana Head Coach Dave Jensen was called for a technical foul.

Two successful free throws by UNO junior Pete Ledford put the ball back in the hands of Price. In the final 38 seconds of the half he scored on another trey and a lay-in. His 10 points within the final three minutes of the half spurred a 14-7 run by UNO and a 45-34 halftime lead.

"I just tried to take open shots," Price said. "I'm just happy that I hit my first one and got some confidence going."

The confidence carried over to the second half. Price completed two three-pointers early in the second half giving UNO a 64-51 lead.

"That young man is a great person," Lehman said. "I'm happy for him to have success. He works hard in practice. He's a leader of the team and good people preserver."

The 17-point performance by Price is his personal high to this point in the season. Going into the game he was averaging 2.7 points per game and connected on just two of eight

three-pointers. Only Derrick Bogay has scored more in a game — 18 against the University of Nebraska at Kearney — for UNO than Price.

Price's three-pointers in the second half were enough to distance UNO from Dana but not enough to disrupt its confidence.

"They had three players that we needed to control," Lehman said. "We didn't accomplish that."

Two of those players were guard Bret Marchese and forward Shawn Fesbender. They combined for 13 points in the final six minutes of the game. Dana pulled within four at 78-74, but UNO held on for the victory.

James Miller scored 10 points, and Michael Rieves added nine rebounds off the bench for the Mavs. UNO guard Shadric Thomas scored 14 points for UNO, including two three-pointers and guard Pete Ledford added 13 points.

Lehman is still unsatisfied with his team's performance. "I'm never happy with a team that is not playing up to their potential," he said. "The little things tell you how focused a team is such as rebounding, ball handling and defense. We weren't ready to do those things."

UNO committed 19 turnovers compared with Dana's seven and was out-rebounded on offense.

"We've had our ups and downs," Price said. "We have a long way to go, but we're getting better. If we can get 40 minutes together we'll be a hard team to beat."

UNO moves to 2-3 on the season and Dana drops to 7-2.

The Mavs have defeated Dana in all 12 meetings, dating back to 1979. They play Friday against St. Mary's (Kansas) in the Fieldhouse.

Lady Mavs Roll to Classic Championship

By Tony Reinke

The Lady Mavs played host to the Cox 02TV Classic Friday and Saturday, and UNO's two opponents were welcomed with anything but open arms as the Lady Mavs swept both games in the Fieldhouse.

UNO defeated Wayne State and Southwest Missouri State, stretching its winning streak to four games.

"Each game we are getting better," Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "And we're going to get better every game too."

After starting the season with two losses in Minnesota, the Lady Mavs have turned their season around.

"We weren't mentally prepared going into our games in Minnesota," UNO Forward Michelle Spetman said. "After that weekend we were a little embarrassed and decided that we needed to redeem ourselves. Ever since those two losses everyone is starting to play well together."

The Lady Mavs outscored their opponents a total of 177-110, including a 92 point performance against Northwest Missouri State. Spetman, the team's leading scorer going in to the games, scored 35 points and was named MVP of the classic. Junior Amy Breen was named to the all-classic team. Breen scored 34 points.

"Anyone on the team could have made the All-Tournament team," Spetman said. "We have 13 people who can play well, and it's the team that has gotten us here."

All of the Lady Mavs played in each game and only one of 13 UNO players did not score in the classic.

"The more playing time we give players the better," Mankenberg said. "It's very important to have. Especially when you are playing conference games back-to-back."

Guard Amy Loth finished with 20 points, Forward Stacie Kaiser 19, Center J.C. Van

Fossen and Guard Jill Ohm scored 16 each.

UNO 85, Wayne State 55

The 1,100 fans at the Fieldhouse were silenced by a quick 7-2 lead by the Wildcats. A three-point shot by Breen started the wheels of the Lady Mavs' comeback, sparking a 17-2 run by UNO. UNO clung to that lead for the remainder of the first half and escaped with a 46-36 lead.

"We came out and played a run-'n'-gun style of offense in the first half, and it's not our style," Mankenberg said. "I was upset with that because I wanted us to slow it down. We never got into our offense in the first half."

Both teams went into the second half trading buckets. It wasn't until 8:35 remaining in the game that UNO distanced its lead. Breen, Cathy Mauer, along with non-starters Jill Ohm and J.C. Van Fossen, created an 18-2 run to close out the game and give UNO the 85-55 win.

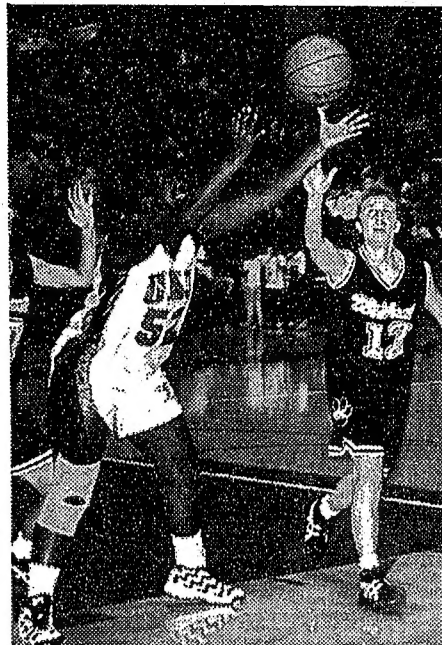
Breen led the team with 18 points, Spetman 16 and Ohm 14.

UNO (field goals made-field goals attempted, free throw made-free throw attempts, points)

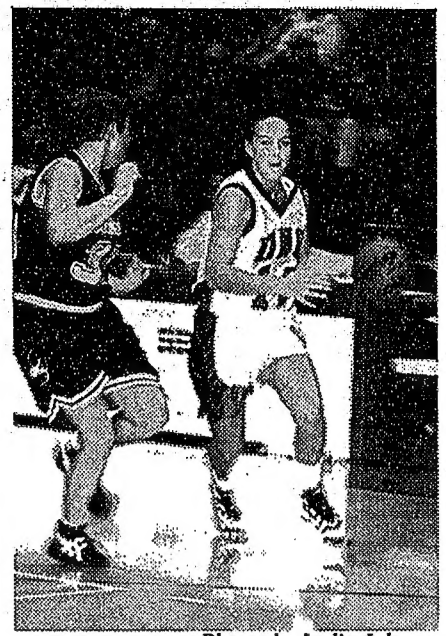
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UNO 92, NWMS 55

If there was anything positive about the game for the Bearcats it was that Head Coach Wayne Winstead wasn't ejected from the game. He earned a technical foul for expressing his feelings to a referee late in the second half. Loth caned both free throws to give UNO a 43-29 lead into the half.



UNO's Dennie Young, center, reaches for a loose ball against Wayne State sophomore Julie Heine.



—Photos by Lydia Johnson

Cathy Mauer, left, led UNO's charge against Wayne State at the Cox Classic tournament.

"We were trying to jump out on them early. We didn't want them to have the confidence to play with us," Spetman said.

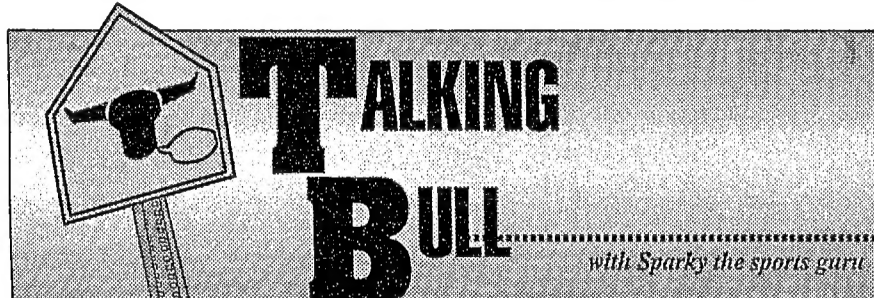
This would be a showcase of Spetman and the UNO bench, which turned the ball game into a blowout early in the second half.

Van Fossen, a sophomore, came off the bench to score all 12 of her points in the second half. She, along with Dennie Young and Ohm, scored the final 10 points in the final 2:13 for the victory. Spetman finished with 19 points and shot 63 percent from the floor.

"She did a real good job of taking care of the ball offensively," Mankenberg said. "We want her to have a 55 percent shooting average, so I'm pleased with her performance."

UNO (fgm-fga ftm-fta pts)

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'Rivalry Healthy For Everybody'

By Dave Mollner

After watching the 43rd meeting between the UNO Mavericks and the Bluejays of Creighton University, it's hard to believe some people don't want see this bragging-rights fiasco continue.

But you won't hear that from either head coach of the two programs.

"I would love to play them every year," Mavs Head Coach Kevin Lehman said after last Thursday's barn burner at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. "I think it's good basketball in this town. And I think it's excellent for our program because it gives us some extra exposure."

"But it's out of my control."

Last year, a rule passed by the Missouri Valley Conference to try to improve the schedules of its teams no longer allows Division II games on its schedule, which means the UNO-Creighton game may be a thing of the past.

"This game won't happen again, and I know some people will be disappointed with that," Creighton Head Coach Dana Altman said. "It's not my decision or Mr. (Bruce) Rasmussen's decision, it's one made by the conference. We cannot play this game."

And maybe after last Thursday's three-point Houdini act against the Division II Mavericks, Altman might be thankful this is a call he doesn't have to make himself.

"It was nice to have the crowd there tonight, and it's a good game for UNO," Altman said. "If it were my decision I'd think long and hard about it after tonight's game."

All the ingredients that make college bas-

ketball one of the greatest spectator sports in America were under one roof last Thursday.

The athletes stirred up the emotions of nearly 4,000 hoop fans and gave them what they came to see -- a taste of competitive sports not yet spoiled by the rancid smell of free-agency, \$15-million signing bonuses and greedy team owners pulling the plug on 50-plus years of fan loyalty because they cannot balance their own checkbook.

But what is the Missouri Valley doing by trying to pull the plug on this piece of local tradition?

Here we have another clear-cut case of the NCAA playing its own hand at the Art "the fart" Modell-style of managing sports for the end result of a attractive and marketable "bottom dollar" in sports. There are, without a doubt, other non-Division I schools (junior colleges, NAIA, Division II and III) that can run the floor on this Creighton team and other Division I teams any given night of the week.

But that just wouldn't look good for the NCAA "fat cats" when the big dance comes around and a 20-win team has a Division II blemish on its record, now would it?

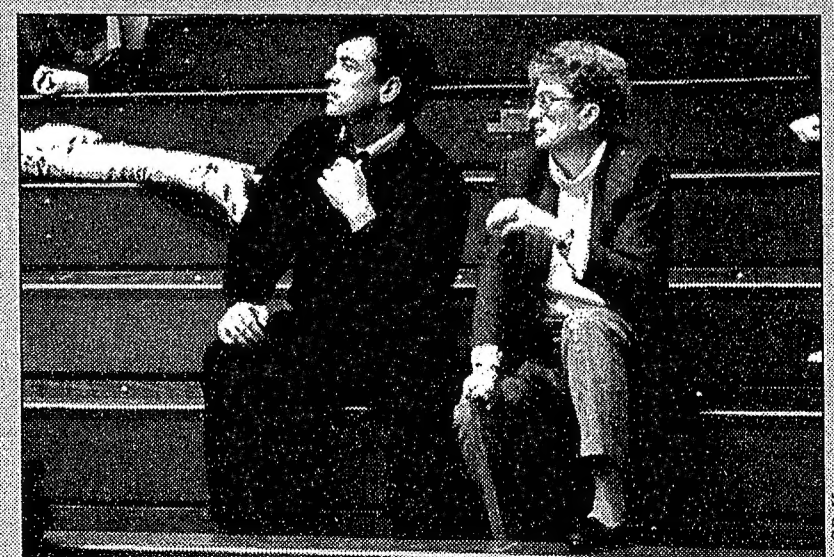
After watching those lovable mascots beat the living tar out each other on the arena floor and locals from both campuses getting together for one night of healthy hoops, the NCAA has stuck its nose in some more business it doesn't have a clue about -- local fan support for schools outside of Lincoln, Neb.

Get a clue: Don't pull the plug on this healthy game of hoops. Let it live.

The Amazing Things You'll See at a Mavs Game



The UNO Maverick cheerleaders kick it up at a recent basketball game. The cheerleaders are, from left to right, Erica Kitchen, Jenni Maas (first in the air), Kerri Schaeffer and Kristie Huff.



Rep. Jon Christensen (R-Neb.) left, and Connie Clausen, of UNO's athletic department, watch the Mavs men's basketball team win against Dana College.

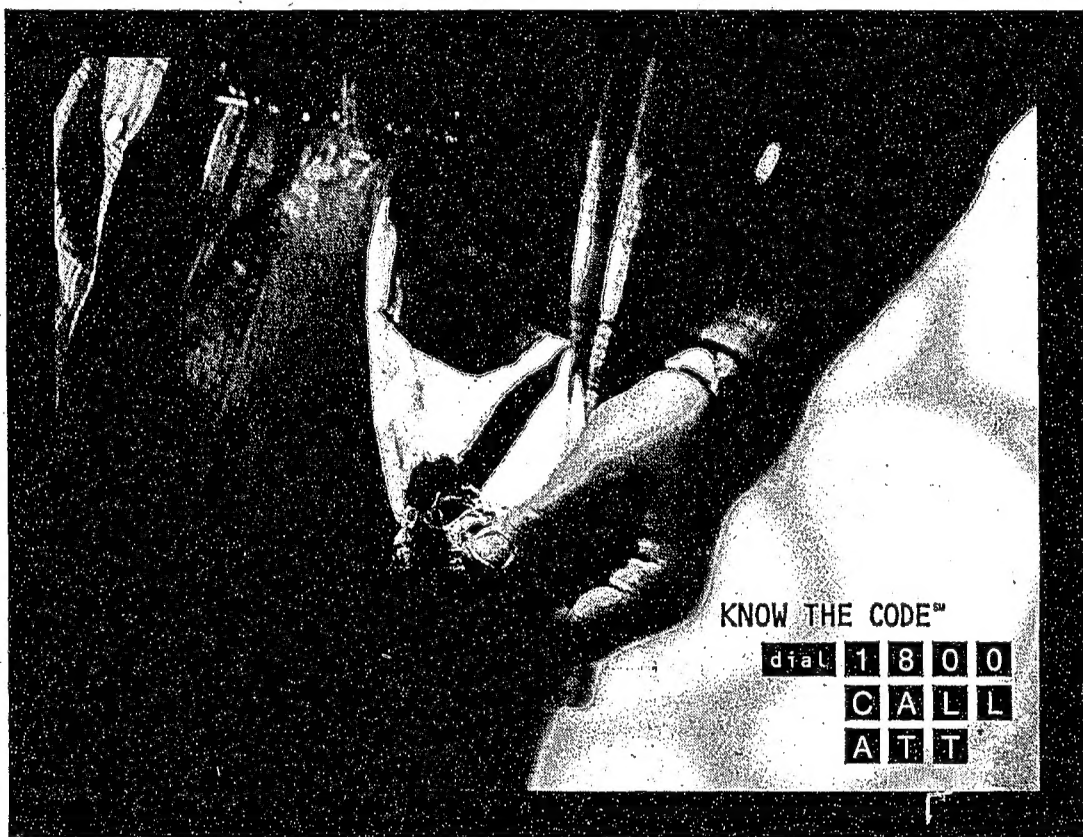


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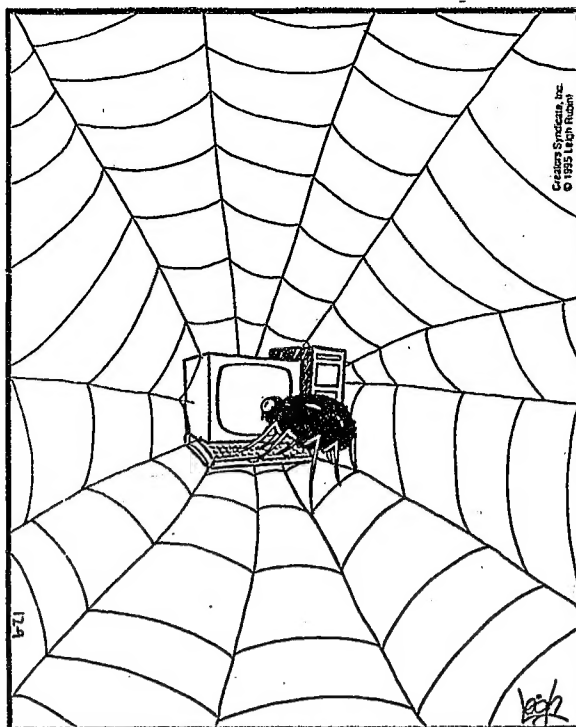
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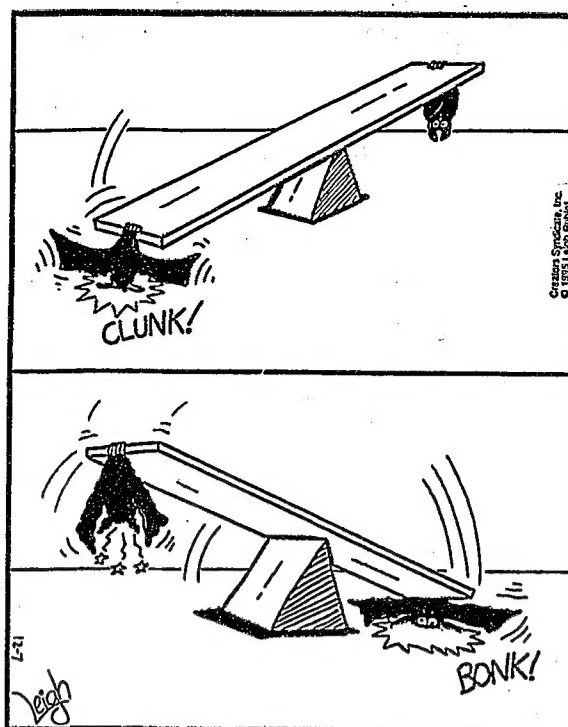




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